their states. Such offices have been set up in Gujarat, U.P., Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

(b) The case has been part-heard by the Supreme Court on 18th and 19th October, 1989, Government is pursuing the matter for getting an expeditious decision of the Supreme Court on the court orders through the Ministry of Law and the Attorney General.

Supply of cotton yarn to handloom Weavers at subsidised rates

1039. SHRI KOTAIAH PRAGADA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to supply cotton yarn to the handloom weavers at subsidised prices; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under the consideration of Government to supply cotton yarn to handloom weavers at subsidised prices. However, Government has introduced a Yarn Depot Scheme in September 1989 under the aegis of the National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC) to supply of yarn to handloom weavers at mill-gate prices. Under this Scheme, one lakh bale of yarn costing approximately Rs. 80 crore is expected to be supplied in a year through 20 depots set up in various parts of the country. Government subsidises the operations of the NHDC to the extent of 5 per cent of the value of yarn supplied under the scheme to provide for part of the cost of transportation, interest on working capital and other over head charges so as to enable it to sell yarn to the weavers at mill-gate prices. NHDC has set up 20 yarn depots in 15 States and has supplied 52083 bales of yarn under the scheme till 31-3-1990.

Filling up of group 'C' posts in the Customs, excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal

1040. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1116, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken to fill up the posts lying vacant in Group 'C' from amongst the promotees;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The Recruitment Rules for some of the Group 'C' posts in the Customs Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal do not provide for promotion and in such of the posts where provision for promotion exists and where vacancies are available, the existing officials in the feeder cadres are not yet ripe for consideration for promotion.

(b) and (c) does not arise in view of the above.

Food Processing units in U.P.

1041. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study of the scope of food processing units in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of food processing units at present working

in U.P. in public and cooperative sectors as also in the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) A preliminary feasibility report of integrated project for establishment of meat complex and development of hinterland areas of meat animal production has been prepared by Ministry of Agriculture with special reference to Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Food Processing Industries are in the organised, unorganised and cooperative sectors. Information in respect of all the food processing industries in different sectors is not being maintained centrally.

Appointment of High Court judges by National Front Government

1042. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of High Court judges appointed since the National Front Government assumed office;

(b) the number of vacancies in each High Court when the new Government assumed office;

(c) how many vacancies are there in each High Court at present; and

(d) what steps are being taken to fill these vacancies soon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c) A statement containing the information is enclosed. (*See* below)

(d) Nearly 40 proposals relating to appointment of judges in the High Courts of Bombay, Delhi, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Patna and Punjab and Haryana are in an advanced stage of consultation.

Statement

S. No.	High Court	No. of vacancies as on 1-12-1989	No. of vacancies as on 1-5-1990	Appointments made from 1-12-198 to 30-4-1990
1	Allahabad	11	16	..
2	Andhra Pradesh	8	4	6
3	Bombay	5	8	1
4	Calcutta	3	4	..
5	Delhi	6	7	..
6	Gauhati		1	..
7	Gujarat	8	9	..
8	Himachal Pradesh	2	2	..
9	Jammu & Kashmir	2	2	..
10	Karnataka	6	..	8
11	Kerala	2	1	..
12	Madhya Pradesh	7	8	..
13	Madras	6	2	5
14	Orissa	1	2	..
15	Patna	7	10	..
16	Punjab & Haryana	4	5	..
17	Rajasthan	3	5	..
18	Sikkim	2	1	..
	TOTAL	83	87	20